

MASS INTENTIONS

Wed Dec 27 – No Mass

Fri Dec 29 – 9:00am – special intentions for Mary & Kevin Dunn

Saturday Dec 30 – 5:00 pm- Sandra Penrose, Vince Cialeo, Pasquale Frappa

Sunday Dec 31 – 11:00 am

Monday January 1, 2024 – 11:00 AM

Wed Jan 3 – 9:00am— deceased parishioners

Fri. Jan 5 -9:00 am – Georgina & Robert Fogarty

Saturday Jan 6 - 5:00 pm – George Arnone, deceased members of the D’Orio and Tersigni families

Dec 9/10 -- \$2,680.00 including loose

Dec 16/17 --\$3,045.00 including loose

THANK YOU! For your generosity at Christmas and throughout the year.

COME AND JOIN THE ADULT CHOIR for a Christmas Day Hymn Sing beginning at 10:45 am on Christmas Day. The Adult Choir has been preparing songs and hymns for this holy season to celebrate Christ’s birth. The choir is looking forward to a very special holiday season and wishes that all of you would join them on Christmas Day!

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Dec 25 - 30, 2023

MON – Christmas Day (The Nativity of the Lord)

TUE - Chancery Staff

WED –Congregation of the Sisters of St. Anne (s.s.a.)

THUR – The Holy Innocents

FRI – Rev. Edward Hinsperger

SAT – Rev. Phillip Cook

Jan 1-6, 2024

MON – The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

TUE - Most Rec. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.

WED – Diocesan Priests

THUR – Rev. Jason Kuntz

FRI – Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino

SAT – Rev. David Perrin

The Catholic Women's League of Blessed Sacrament Church monthly food drive for JANUARY is focused on Peanut Butter! Any type of peanut butter, along with jams and jellies are just some suggestions. For Neighbour to Neighbour, our local food bank. Please drop off your donations in the narthex and help those who are in need during the cold winter months.



Thank you to everyone who participated in this years

Poinsettia

Congratulations! The winner of the 50/50 draw was ticket #

090224, John Wynn Williams

The Early- Bird draw for a set of Pre-Season Ti-Cat game tickets for 2024 was won by Ticket # 0048 (no one has claimed the prize)

Christmas Masses

Sunday Dec 24th

Christmas Eve-- 4:00 PM

and 11:00 PM

Monday Dec 25th

Christmas Day - 11:00 AM



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There will be NO 5:00pm Mass on December 31, 2023

New Years Mass

New Years Day:

Sunday Jan 1, 2024 -- 11: 00AM

The office will be closed from Dec 22 and reopen on January 3rd 2024

The traditional Christmas Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King will be celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI and will be livestreamed on their YouTube channel.

All are welcome to attend the 12:00 am Solemn Pontifical Midnight Mass

Carols at the Cathedral Basilica begin at 11:30 p.m.

The 2024 Parish envelopes are available in the narthex. Because of the low demand for parish envelopes, we have only ordered 250 boxes of envelopes. Anyone with numbers from 251 to 300 will be getting a new number for 2024. This does not have any effect on the tax receipts.

PLEASE do not use the 2024 envelopes until next year. Thank you for your generosity. If you would like parish envelopes, please call the parish office and we can certainly help you. You can receive envelopes anytime during the year.

The end of the financial year is Dec 30, 2023. Please have your donations to the office by Dec 31 to receive a tax receipt for 2023.

Vocations Mass and Young Adults Night January 5th – Hamilton

The Serra Club of Hamilton invites all parishioners to attend a Mass for vocations at 6:00pm. Following the Mass, Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults to attend a night of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in celebration of the Christmas Season. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:30pm), praise night and vocations talk (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Friday, January 5th at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Rd W, Co-sponsored by the Serra Club of Hamilton and the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

WHEN LIFE CHANGES

The Hamilton Diocese is offering a new grief program. Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! Our six-week grief program starts January 17 and will be held from 1:30-3:00 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West. You are welcome to join in person or by zoom. To register go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for the start date under upcoming events on the home page.

RESTART: Refresh, Renew, Revive

Struggling after divorce or separation? Join us for learning, support and fun on a Friday evening. Held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month. These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. Register for the sessions here: <https://sites.google.com/view/hamilton-restart/home>, or contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 if you plan to attend in person and for the zoom link if joining online. We look forward to seeing you!

“Mamma,” declared little Billy excitedly, “I have to write another letter to Santa Claus.” Laboriously he wrote it, but before she put it in an envelope Mamma read it: “Dear Santa Claws; Tear up that letter I sent you last week, I am sending a new order, ‘cuz this afternoon I found all the gifts I asked for under the bed in the spare room upstairs.”

Confirmation Retreat: Saturday, February 2nd. All those who will celebrate their Sacrament of Confirmation will receive a retreat package. Please return the forms to your classroom teacher by Friday, January 26th, 2024.

Youth Group Grades 7+ Join us on January 26th for cosmic bowling. Meet us at the parish hall at 7:00 p.m.. Download a permission form from our website, if you have never attended before.

Blessed Sacrament Catholic School Council is holding a “Winter Cleaning Drive”. Over the weekend of January 13th/14th bring your clothes, purses, hats, belts, bedding, towels, curtains and small household goods under 2 feet tall, that you no longer need to the Parish Hall. For each pound of items collected, the school will receive funds to help support programs within the school. If you need assistance in items being picked up, please contact Frank @ 905-902-3000.

Feast of the Holy Family – Dec 30, 2022

On this feast of the Holy Family, let's consider what it means to take care of our loved ones. Of course, it starts with making sure that they are physically safe and healthy. But it goes far beyond that. “taking care” means being aware of their feelings and paying attention to how our words and actions affect them. It means being patient when they are slow to learn or unable to do things for themselves. It means doing all we can share our faith and enable them, whenever possible, to practice theirs. It means telling them how much we appreciate them. It means forbearing when they annoy us and forgiving them when they hurt us. And it means interceding for all their needs. So take care of your children, your parents, your siblings. Take care of them when they are too young or too old to take care of themselves. Take care of them when they are ill or troubled, when it's a delight and when it's a sacrifice.

**Father Charlie and all the Staff at
Most Blessed Sacrament Parish
wish all of you...**

**A Very Merry Christmas
and a safe and healthy
New Year!**